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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Bruno Bartoszek of Aurora, who passed away on November 1, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Bruno Bartoszek was born on February 27, 1922, in Toporow, Poland; his parents were the late Simon and Zofia Bartoszek; and

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WHEREAS, In 1942, Bruno Bartoszek joined the Polish Army after he and his family were released from Siberian work camps in the Soviet Union; he served faithfully as a member of the Polish 2nd Corps, 3rd Carpathian Division under British command, seeing action in Libya, Italy, Iran, Iraq, Palestine, Egypt, and Lebanon; he fought in the Battle of Monte Cassino when the Polish Army defeated the German forces in May of 1944; he was awarded several medals for his service during World War II, including the Virtuti Militari medal, the Polish equivalent to the Medal of Honor, the Army Medal (Polish), the 1939-45 Star, the Italy Star, the Defense Medal, and the Cross of Monte Cassino Medal (Polish); after the war, he worked in the British War Office in London, England before coming to the United States in 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Bruno Bartoszek was employed with Aurora Pump, the

1 Burlington Northern Railroad, and subsequently retired as an  
2 agent for Prudential Insurance Company; and

3 WHEREAS, Bruno Bartoszek was a member of several local  
4 clubs and historical societies in Aurora and the surrounding  
5 communities, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Catholic  
6 Committee of the Rockford Diocese, the Waubensee Community  
7 College Literacy Project, the Grand Army of the Republic  
8 Association, and the historical societies of Sugar Grove,  
9 Batavia, Shabbona, Kendall County, Oswego, Franklin Grove, and  
10 Grundy County; he was named Grand Marshal for Aurora's Fourth  
11 of July parade in 1996; he was also a member of Our Lady of Good  
12 Counsel Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Bruno Bartoszek is preceded in death by his  
14 sisters, Anna, Teofilia, and Mary, and his brothers, Frank and  
15 John; and

16 WHEREAS, Bruno Bartoszek is survived by his daughter,  
17 Annette (Rick) Lawrence, his son, Jack (Donita) Bartoszek; his  
18 grandchildren, Sarah and Stephanie Lawrence and Allen  
19 Bartoszek; his wife, Wanda; his sister, Angela Buczkiewicz; his  
20 half-brothers, Casmir and Stanley; and his numerous nieces and  
21 nephews; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
2 his family and friends, the passing of Bruno Bartoszek; and be  
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Bruno Bartoszek as an expression of  
6 our sympathy.